

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in Accomack County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** December 22, 2007 to January 21, 2008

**PERMIT NAME:** Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Town of Onancock, 15 North Street, Onancock, Virginia 23417; GW0049200

**NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL:** Town of Onancock, Hartman Avenue, south of Market Street.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Town of Onancock has applied for a reissuance of its permit for the Town of Onancock water supply system in Accomack County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 220,863 gallons per day which represents an increase of approximately 32% above their presently permitted amount. The ground water withdrawal will support a water supply for the Town of Onancock. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at a depth between 160 feet to 200 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit. The permit will be issued to the Town of Onancock who will be the owner and operator of the system.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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